THE BROONS AND OOR WULLIE

FIRE SAFETY Special

WULLIE'S FIRE SAFETY ALPHABET

A is for alarms, detecting the smoke — these can save lives an' that is nae joke.

B is for battery to be changed once a year — makin' sure yer alarm rings out loud an' clear.

C is for cigarettes, don't smoke in bed — or quickly yer sheets could be glowin' bright red.

D is for drying on each washing day — when it comes to a heat source, keep claes well away.

E is for escape, so be sure that ye can — it's never too soon to mak' a fire plan.

F is for frying, so take extra care — never leave pans on when naebody's there.

G is for guard, roond the fire's whaur it's kept — an' twice every year mak' sure yer lum's swept.

H is for hoax, calls that idiots make — don't put lives in danger, for a'body's sake.

I is for the ironin' on yer ironin' table — put the iron on the rest — ye ken that ye're able.

J is for jumbled when ower mony wires — are put in one socket an' quickly start fires.

K is for kitchen, keep it fire hazard free — safety while ye're cookin' is the best recipe.

L is for lighter, careful with that flame — takin' silly chances is just a mug's game.

M is for matches, keep them oot o' reach — of all small bairns, that's the lesson we wid teach.

N is for night time afore goin' to bed — get a fire safety routine fixed in yer head.

O is for oot, get oot o' that blaze — an' stay oot the house, remember that phrase.

P is for plan, ye must know what to do — in emergencies it'll carry ye through.

Q is for questions, please don't be afraid — to ask for advice from your fire brigade.

R is for replace, cables worn and frayed — don't tape it up, gie it an upgrade.

S is for smoking, use proper ashtrays — empty them wi' care, an' avoid any blaze.

T is for testing each electric appliance — read the guidelines, it's no' rocket science.

U is for up, on the ceiling you know — it's the only place a smoke alarm should go.

V is for verse wi' a message for you — follow fire safety advice an' ken what to do.

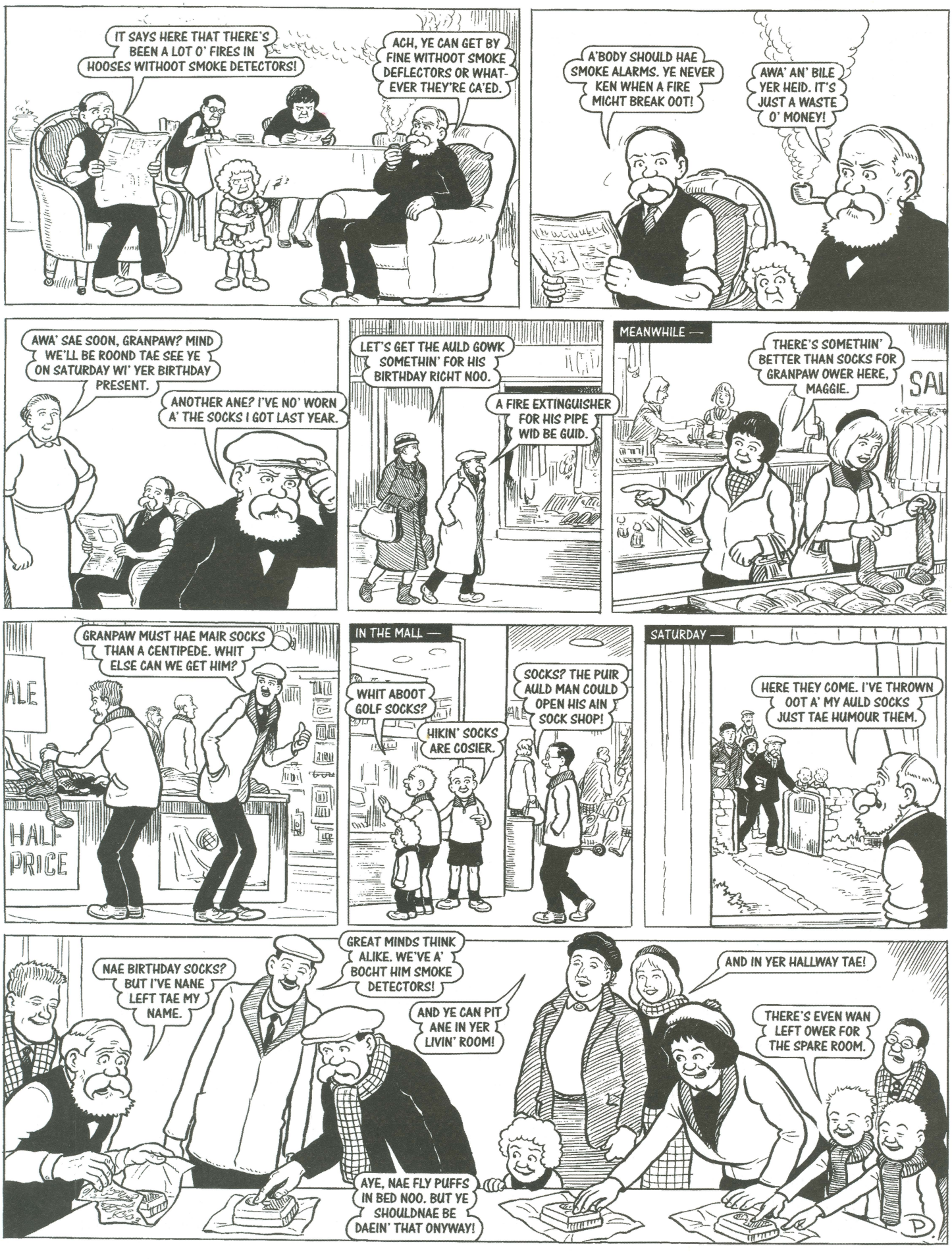
W is for weekly, an appointment tae keep — test yer alarm, go on, gie it a beep.

X is for exit, whit else could it be — know where it is an' keep access free.

Y is for you, though you may be a stranger — we must have your help to eliminate danger.

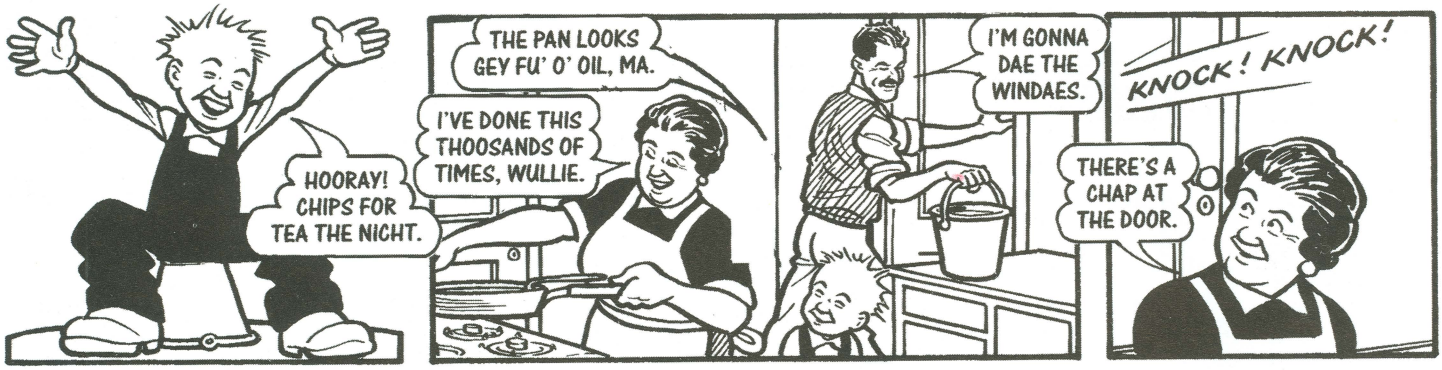
Z is for zone, an area, ye see — ensure that your zones are kept fire free.

Granpaw sits expectin' socks —
he's in for fower different shocks.


IT SAYS HERE THAT THERE'S BEEN A LOT O' FIRES IN HOOSES WITHOOT SMOKE DETECTORS!
ACH, YE CAN GET BY FINE WITHOOT SMOKE DEFLECTORS OR WHAT-EVER THEY'RE CA'ED.
A'BODY SHOULD HAE SMOKE ALARMS. YE NEVER KEN WHEN A FIRE MICHT BREAK OOT!
AWA' AN' BILE YER HEID. IT'S JUST A WASTE O' MONEY!
AWA' SAE SOON, GRANPAW? MIND WE'LL BE ROOND TAE SEE YE ON SATURDAY WI' YER BIRTHDAY PRESENT.
ANOTHER ANE? I'VE NO' WORN A' THE SOCKS I GOT LAST YEAR.
LET'S GET THE AULD GOWK SOMETHIN' FOR HIS BIRTHDAY RICHT NOO.
A FIRE EXTINGUISHER FOR HIS PIPE WID BE GUID.
MEANWHILE —
THERE'S SOMETHIN' BETTER THAN SOCKS FOR GRANPAW OWER HERE, MAGGIE.
SALE
GRANPAW MUST HAE MAIR SOCKS THAN A CENTIPEDE. WHIT ELSE CAN WE GET HIM?
ALE
HALF PRICE
IN THE MALL —
WHIT ABOOT GOLF SOCKS?
HIKIN' SOCKS ARE COSIER.
SOCKS? THE PUIR AULD MAN COULD OPEN HIS AIN SOCK SHOP!
SATURDAY —
HERE THEY COME. I'VE THROWN OOT A' MY AULD SOCKS JUST TAE HUMOUR THEM.
NAE BIRTHDAY SOCKS? BUT I'VE NANE LEFT TAE MY NAME.
GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE. WE'VE A' BOCHT HIM SMOKE DETECTORS!
AND YE CAN PIT ANE IN YER LIVIN' ROOM!
AYE, NAE FLY PUFFS IN BED NOO. BUT YE SHOULDNAE BE DAEIN' THAT ONYWAY!
AND IN YER HALLWAY TAE!
THERE'S EVEN WAN LEFT OWER FOR THE SPARE ROOM.

Make sure your home has adequate smoke alarm protection.
Fix alarms to the ceiling and test them every week.

Ma shouldna leave the kitchen tae go awa' an' chat — — or attempt tae pit water on tae burnin' fat.


HOORAY! CHIPS FOR TEA THE NICHT.
THE PAN LOOKS GEY FU' O' OIL, MA.
I'VE DONE THIS THOOSANDS OF TIMES, WULLIE.
I'M GONNA DAE THE WINDAES.
KNOCK! KNOCK!
THERE'S A CHAP AT THE DOOR.

IT'S NO' A CHAP. IT'S YOU, BELLA!
AYE! I JIST STOPPED BY FOR A NATTER.
BEEP! BEEP!
THAT'S YER SMOKE ALARM!
MICHTY! THE PAN'S ON FIRE!
I ONLY LEFT IT FAR A COUPLE O' SHAKES, TAE!

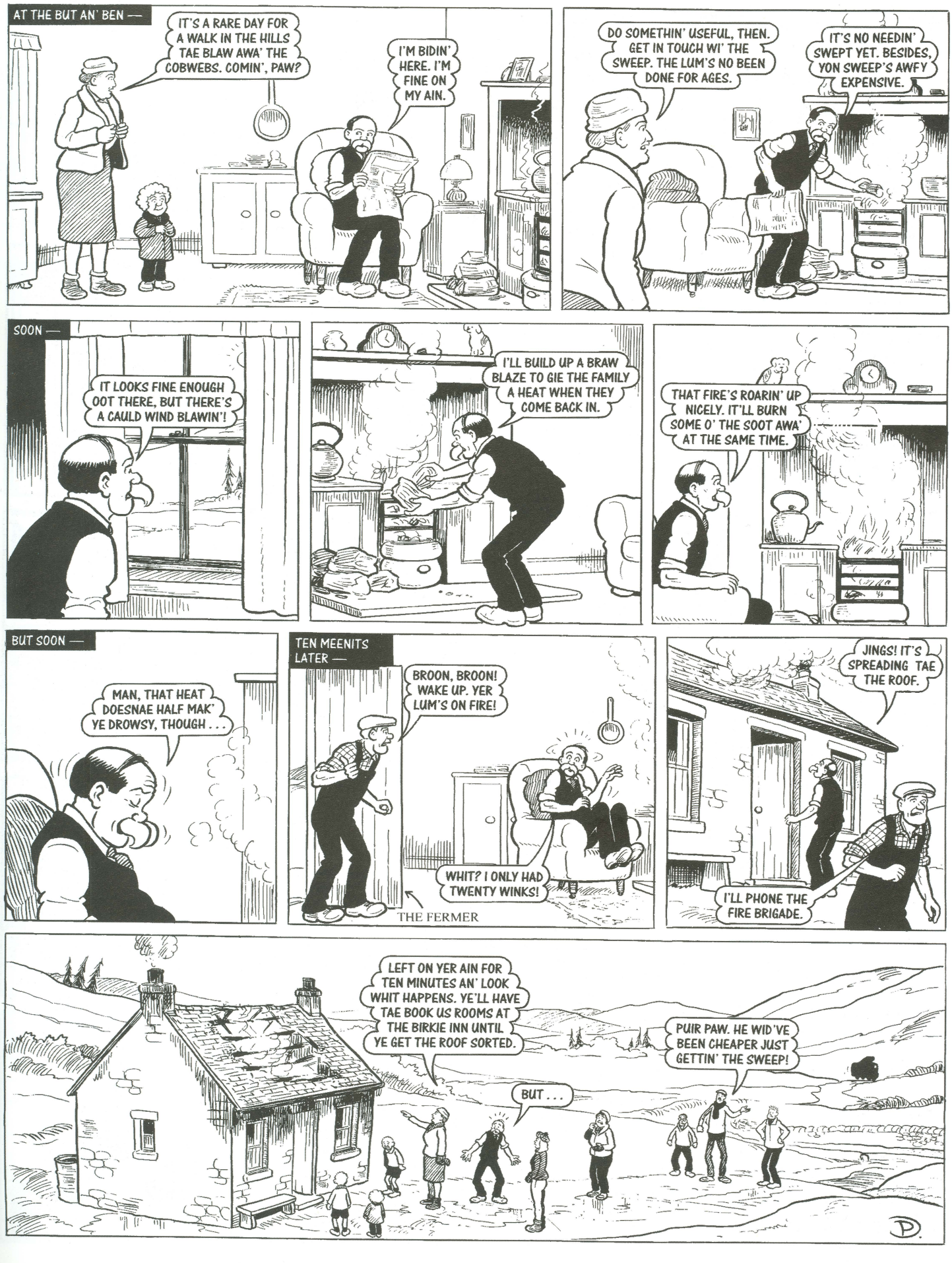
I'LL FLING PA'S BUCKET O' WATER OWER IT!
NO, MA! IT'LL FLARE UP.
YE NEED A TOWEL TAE DEAL WI' THIS!
JINGS! THE CLOOT'S BONE DRY — IT'S CAUGHT FIRE!

STEP BACK FOLKS — WE'LL TAK' OWER NOO!
THE FIREMEN!
BUT HOO DID YE KEN WE HAD A FIRE?
BECAUSE I CALLED THEM ON MA MOBILE WHEN I SAW THE REEK!

WHEN THE BLAZE IS PIT OOT —
WEEL DONE, WULLIE. YE DID THE RICHT THING.
AYE, BUT I'VE HAD MA CHIPS NOO!
CHEER UP, WULLIE. WE'LL HAE CHIPS FROM TONI'S INSTEAD.
SALT AN' VINEGAR?
AYE! IT'S A LOT SAFER.
BRAW!

For safety's sake, use oven chips, or a deep fat fryer. If using a chip pan, never fill it more than one third with oil or fat. Never put water on hot oil or fat.

Paw likes to dae things on the cheap — by savin' money on the sweep.


AT THE BUT AN' BEN —
IT'S A RARE DAY FOR A WALK IN THE HILLS TAE BLAW AWA' THE COBWEBS. COMIN', PAW?
I'M BIDIN' HERE. I'M FINE ON MY AIN.
DO SOMETHIN' USEFUL, THEN. GET IN TOUCH WI' THE SWEEP. THE LUM'S NO BEEN DONE FOR AGES.
IT'S NO NEEDIN' SWEPT YET. BESIDES, YON SWEEP'S AWFY EXPENSIVE.
SOON —
IT LOOKS FINE ENOUGH OOT THERE, BUT THERE'S A CAULD WIND BLAWIN'!
I'LL BUILD UP A BRAW BLAZE TO GIE THE FAMILY A HEAT WHEN THEY COME BACK IN.
THAT FIRE'S ROARIN' UP NICELY. IT'LL BURN SOME O' THE SOOT AWA' AT THE SAME TIME.
BUT SOON —
MAN, THAT HEAT DOESNAE HALF MAK' YE DROWSY, THOUGH . . .
TEN MEENITS LATER —
BROON, BROON! WAKE UP. YER LUM'S ON FIRE!
WHIT? I ONLY HAD TWENTY WINKS!
THE FERMER
JINGS! IT'S SPREADING TAE THE ROOF.
I'LL PHONE THE FIRE BRIGADE.
LEFT ON YER AIN FOR TEN MINUTES AN' LOOK WHIT HAPPENS. YE'LL HAVE TAE BOOK US ROOMS AT THE BIRKIE INN UNTIL YE GET THE ROOF SORTED.
BUT . . .
PUIR PAW. HE WID'VE BEEN CHEAPER JUST GETTIN' THE SWEEP!

Chimneys of coal fires should be swept twice a year to prevent fires, clear obstructions and reduce the risk of dangerous fume emissions.

If ye dinna want tae come tae harm — — check the battery in yer smoke alarm.

IT'S SATURDAY — THE DAY WE TEST OOR SMOKE ALARMS!
I'LL CHECK THE ANE IN THE HALLWAY. THAT'S FUNNY — IT'S NO' WORKIN'.
HELP MA BOAB! THERE'S NAE BATTERY IN IT!
MA — THE SMOKE ALARM IN THE HALL . . .
DINNAE BOTHER ME THE NOO, WULLIE!
THAT'S NO GUID ENOUGH. NAE BATTERY — NAE ME!
I SHOULD'VE LET WULLIE FINISH.
HERE'S A SPARE SMOKE ALARM PA NEVER GOT ROOND TAE PITTIN' UP.
SO—
I'LL PIT IT UP IN MA SHED, AN' BIDE OOT HERE. THON HOOSE ISNAE SAFE FOR HAPITATION . . . HABIBATION . . . ER, TAE STAY IN!
I'LL SIT OOT HERE AN' READ MA COMICS, WHAUR I FEEL SAFE!
SAFE? YE'RE JOKIN'!
LATER—
THIS IS RARE, BUT YE GET HUNGRY. I'LL SNEAK BACK FOR A JEELY PIECE.
SO—
BEEP! BEEP!
WHIT'S THAT NOISE?
IT'S A SMOKE ALARM AN' IT'S COMIN' FAE YOUR SHED!
WHAT A REEK!
BEEP! BEEP!
BEEP! BEEP!
MIGHTY! IT'S PA HAEIN' A FLY SMOKE.
AN' I'LL BET THAT CAR'S BATTERY CAME FAE THE HALL SMOKE ALARM.
ZOOM!
MA MADE PA PIT THE BATTERY BACK — I'M SAFE!

One in every four smoke alarms fails to work because the battery is missing, or flat.
Never remove a battery except to change it — once a year, or sooner if required.

Next time Paw goes for a walk — he'll heed his ain Fire Safety talk.

MAN, IT'S A GRAND DAY FOR A WALK IN THE BIRKIE WOODS.
IT SAYS IN THE PAPER THAT IT'S NATIONAL FIRE SAFETY WEEK!
REALLY? I'LL SEE THAT THE FAMILY KEN. SOME O' THEM CAN BE A BIT CARELESS WHAUR FIRES ARE CONCERNED.
IT'S FIRE SAFETY WEEK SO DINNAE YOU BAIRNS GO CAUSIN' ONY BLAZES.
SWINGIN' ON A TREE WILL NO' SET IT ON FIRE.
AN' YOU MIND AN' TAK' CARE WI' THAT PIPE O' YOURS AN' THAT AULD TARRY ROPE THAT YE'RE SMOKIN'!
BE CAREFU' WI' THOSE MIRRORS, LASSIES. THE GRASS IS AWFY DRY FOR THE TIME O' YEAR.
IT'S THIRSTY WORK BEIN' A FIRE RANGER. I'LL JUST HAE A WEE DRINK O' JUICE.
MIND THAT BARBECUE, HEN AN' JOE, WHAT WI' THIS BEIN' FIRE SAFETY WEEK AN' ALL!
AYE — WE KEN FINE!
THAT'S FUNNY. I CAN SMELL BURNIN', AN' IT'S NO COMIN' FRAE THE BARBECUE.
YE'RE RICHT — LOOK RICHT!
YE DAFT GOWK. YER BOTTLE'S MAGNIFIED THE SUN'S RAYS AN' STARTED A FIRE!
MICHTY!
WE'LL RAISE THE ALARM AN' GET HELP!
DID YE NO' LISTEN TAE THE MAN WHO WIS ON ABOOT FIRE SAFETY WEEK?
AYE — YERSEL'!

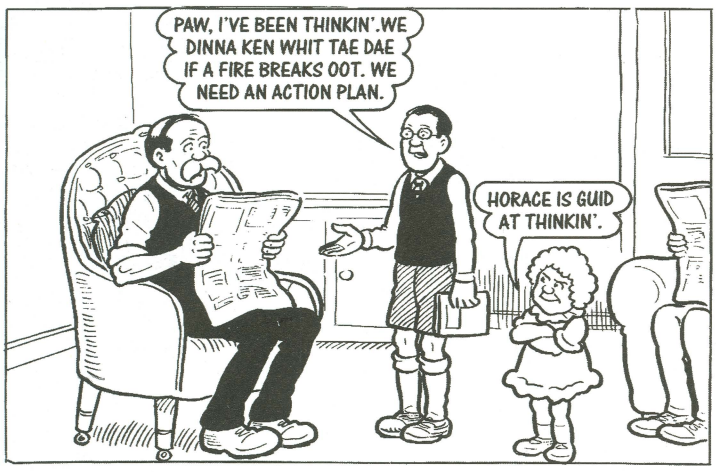
Take care in the countryside. Never abandon bottles or broken glass.
Protect your natural heritage.

These two tough guys —
— are in for a surprise!

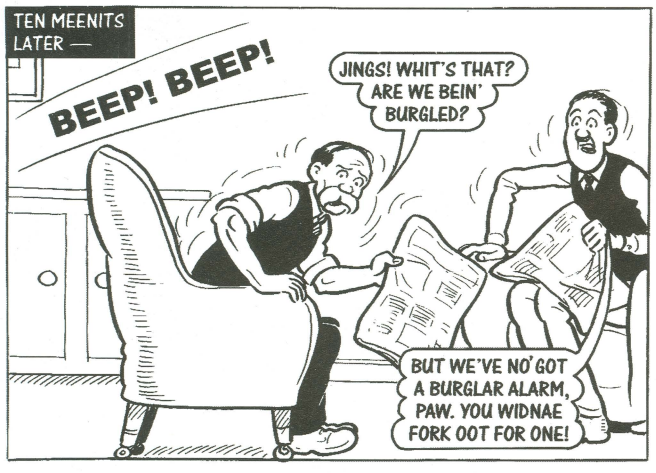
HE'S AWAY CAMPING —
THIS IS THE LIFE, EH BOAB, EH SOAPY?
BRAW CAMPFIRE.
I'VE SEEN BIGGER FLAMES AFF A CANDLE!
WE'LL SHOW YE A REAL FIRE!
OORS IS BIG ENOUGH FOR COOKIN' ON.
WE'LL BE COOKIN' WI' GAS IN A MINUTE!
GIE'S THIS NEWSPAPER!
WE'LL SET THIS GRESS ALIGHT. IT HASNAE RAINED FOR WEEKS!
CAREFU' WI' THAT!
NOO THAT'S WHIT I CA' A FIRE!
THE WIND'S SPREADIN' THE FLAMES. WE'LL HAE TAE SHIFT OOR TENT. CA' OOT THE BRIGADE, SOAPY!
QUICK, LADS. LET'S GET OOT O' HERE!
MADE IT! OOR TENT POLES WIS JIST ABOOT FIREWOOD THERE!
AYE, AYE. WHAUR ARE YOU LOT RUNNIN' AFF TAE? START THAT FIRE, DID YE?
IT WISNAE US, P.C. MURDOCH. YON TWA BIG LADS DID IT.
THEY MAYBE DID IT BUT THEY'LL NO' RUN AWA'!
MURDOCH'S BEEN IN TRAININ'!
WELL DONE, WULLIE. WE'VE BEEN EFTER THESE TWA FIRE RAISERS FOR A WHILE. THE BRIGADE'S ON ITS WAY TAE DEAL WI' THE FIRE.

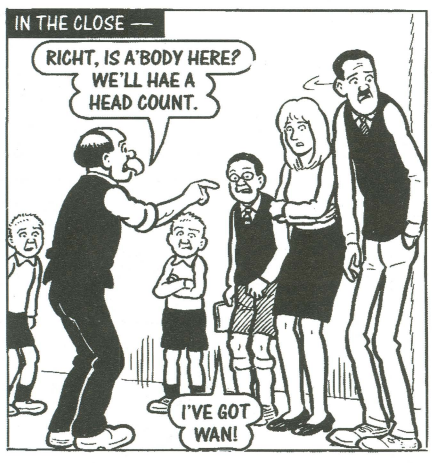
Fire is dangerous. Never start fires deliberately or play with matches.

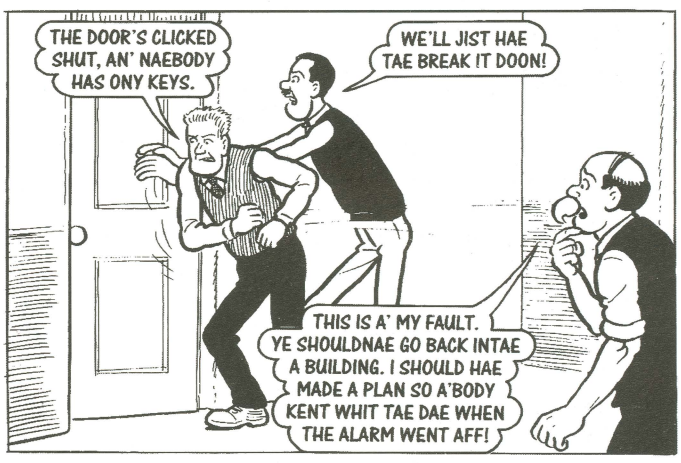
A Fire Action plan is lackin' —
— but the fly wee Bairn will send them packin'.

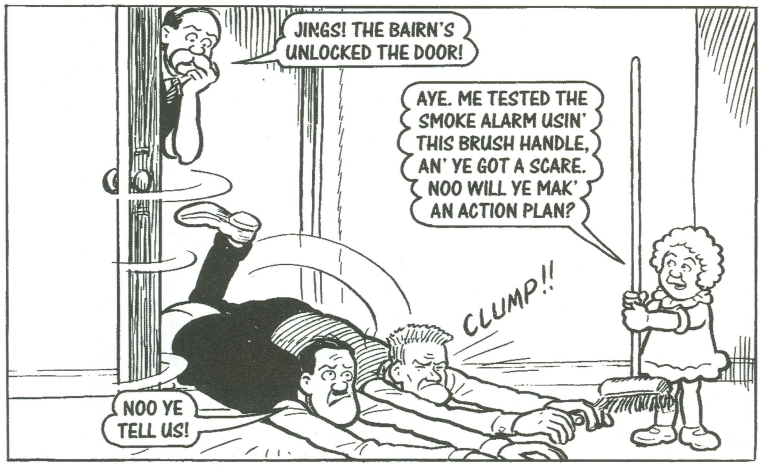


ACH. I'LL MAK' AN ACTION PLAN LATER. I'M OWER BUSY READIN' THE PAPER JIST NOO.
BUT IT'S NEVER TOO SOON TAE HAE A PLAN, PAW. YE CAN NEVER BE OWER CAREFU'.


TEN MEENITS LATER —
BEEP! BEEP!
JINGS! WHIT'S THAT? ARE WE BEIN' BURGLED?
BUT WE'VE NO' GOT A BURGLAR ALARM, PAW. YOU WIDNAE FORK OOT FOR ONE!

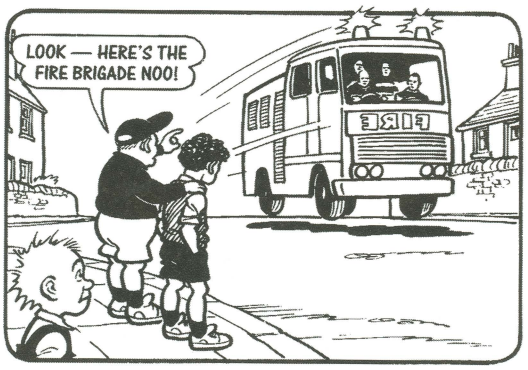


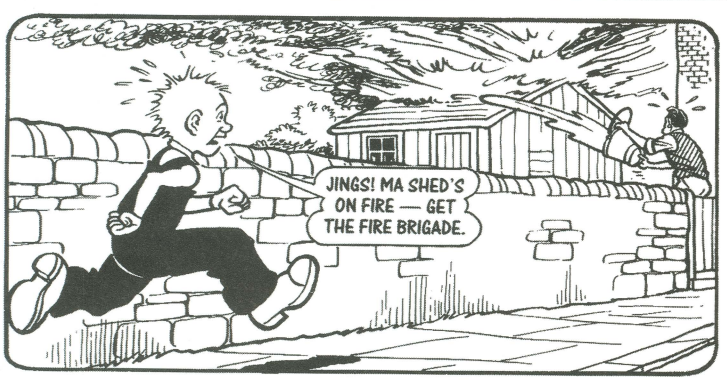

THE DOOR'S CLICKED SHUT, AN' NAEBODY HAS ONY KEYS.
WE'LL JIST HAE TAE BREAK IT DOON!
THIS IS A' MY FAULT. YE SHOULDNAE GO BACK INTAE A BUILDING. I SHOULD HAE MADE A PLAN SO A'BODY KENT WHIT TAE DAE WHEN THE ALARM WENT AFF!

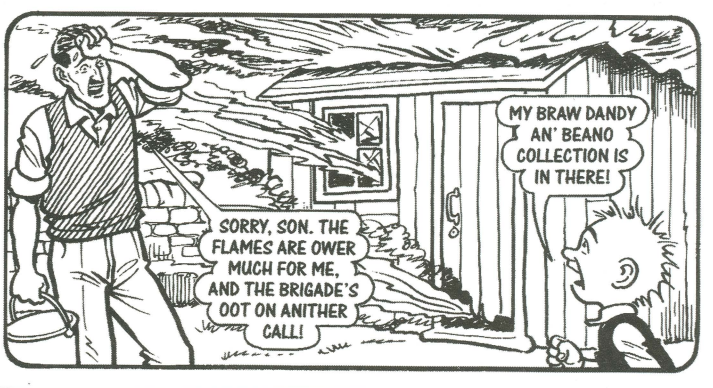

JINGS! THE BAIRN'S UNLOCKED THE DOOR!
AYE. ME TESTED THE SMOKE ALARM USIN' THIS BRUSH HANDLE. AN' YE GOT A SCARE. NOO WILL YE MAK' AN ACTION PLAN?
CLUMP!!
NOO YE TELL US!

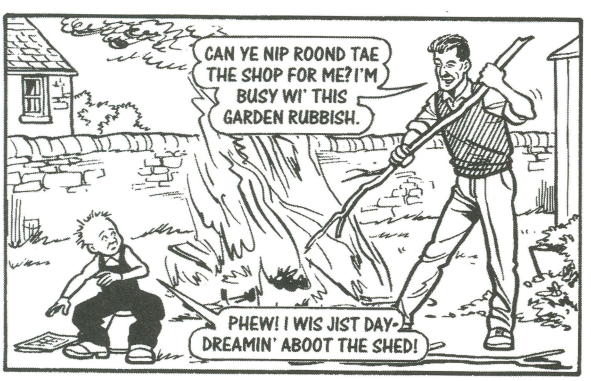
Ensure everyone knows what to do in event of a fire. Make your Fire Action plan today — don't wait till there is a fire. Tomorrow may be too late.

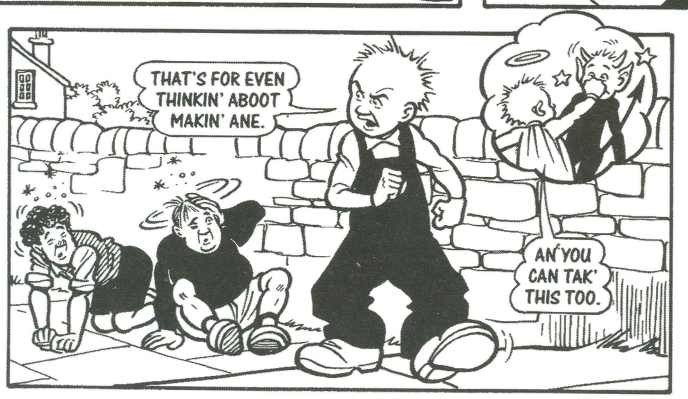
Dinna be like Boab an' Soapy — — makin' hoax calls is dopey!





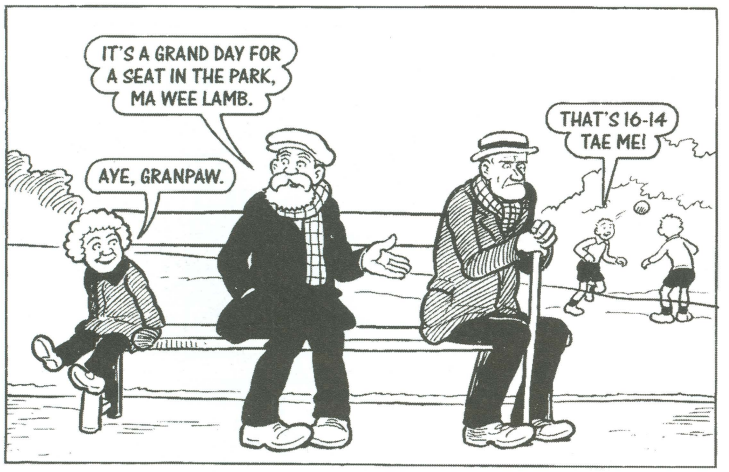

MY BRAW DANDY AN' BEANO COLLECTION IS IN THERE!
SORRY, SON. THE FLAMES ARE OWER MUCH FOR ME, AND THE BRIGADE'S OOT ON ANITHER CALL!

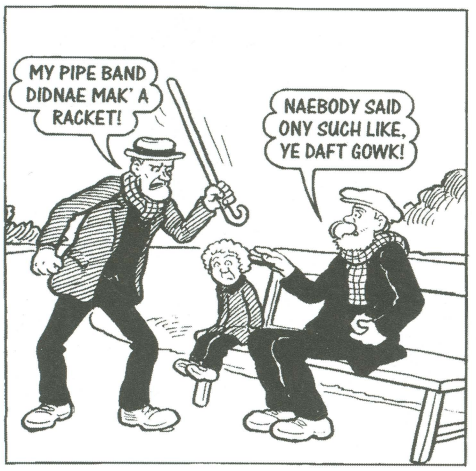


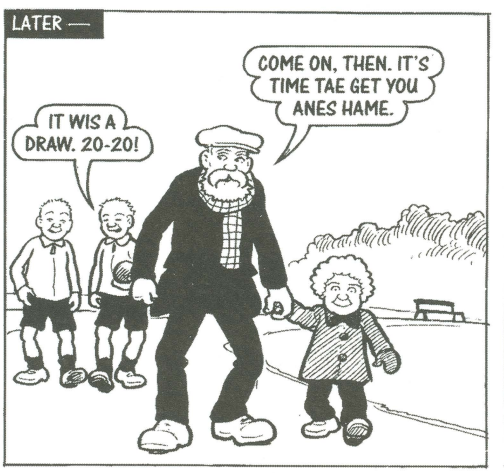


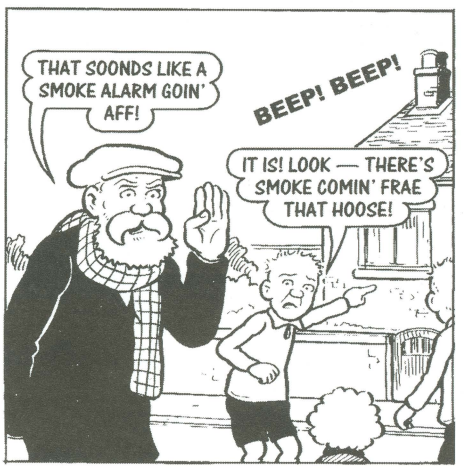
Emergency services can't be in two places at once.
Hoax calls put people's lives in danger.

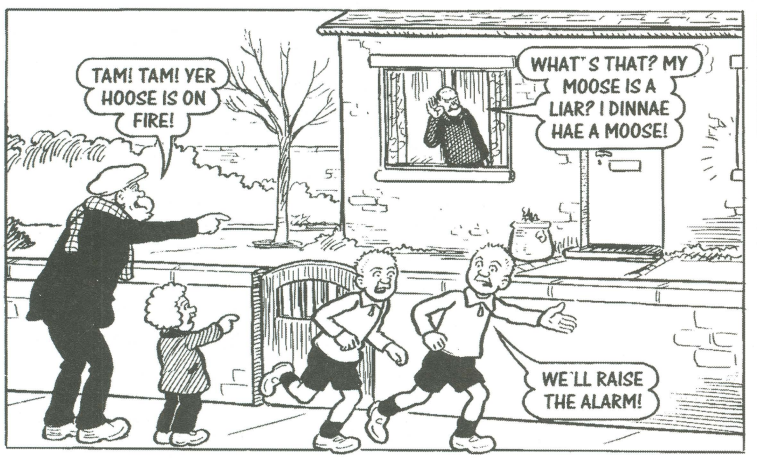
It's pretty clear that Tam requires — a special alarm tae warn o' fires.



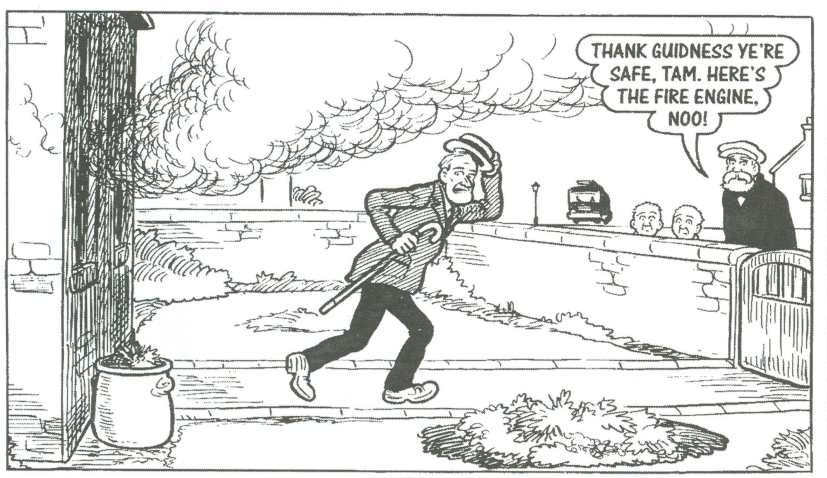






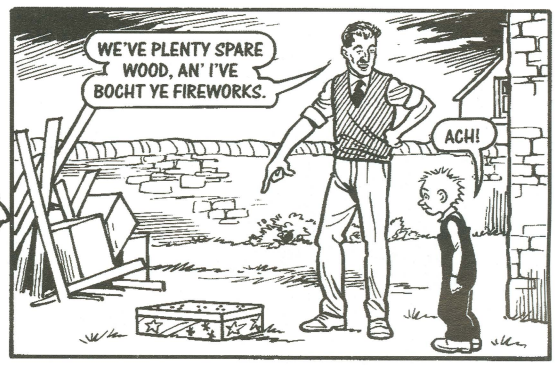


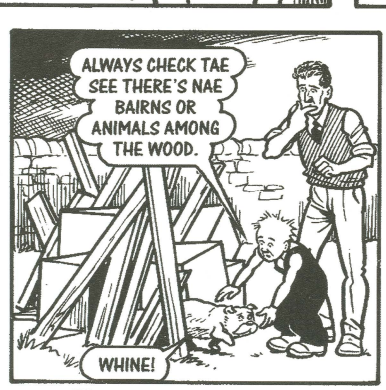
JINGS! MY HOOSE IS ON FIRE. WHY DID YE NO TELL ME INSTEAD O' HAVERIN' ABOOT MICE?
I TRIED TAE WARN YE! NOO GET OUT O' THERE. THE FIRE BRIGADE'S COMIN'!

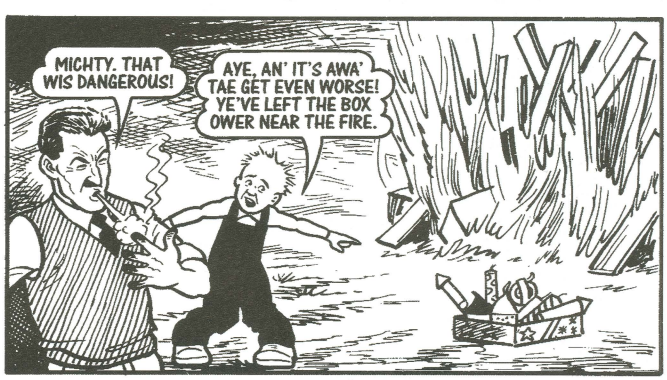


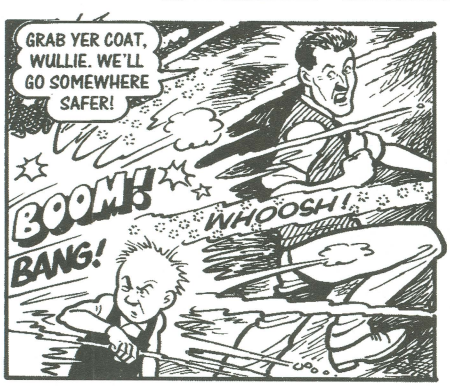
If you have a problem in hearing your smoke alarm, consider fitting one with a strobe light and vibrating pad.

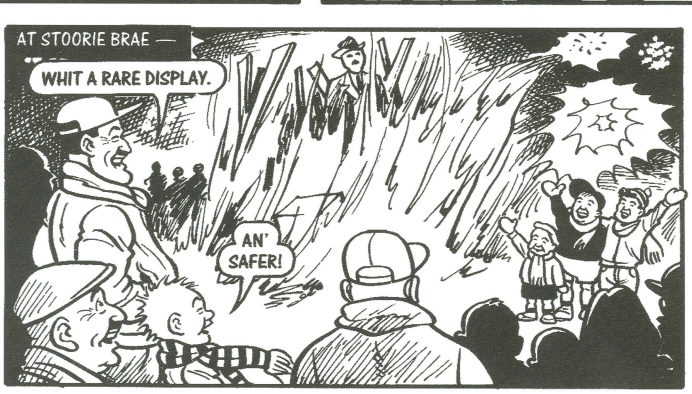
It's bonfire nicht at Stoorie Brae — — but will Pa tak' Wullie tae the display?











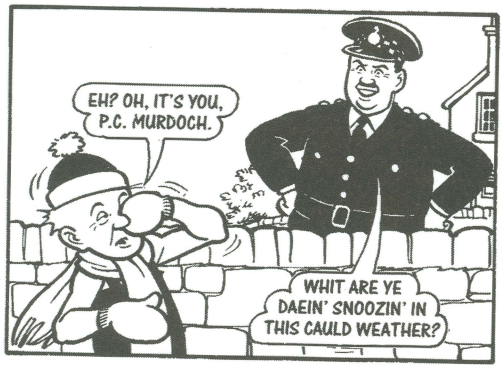
Fireworks and bonfires are dangerous. Take great care, and follow the fireworks code. Organised displays are much safer.

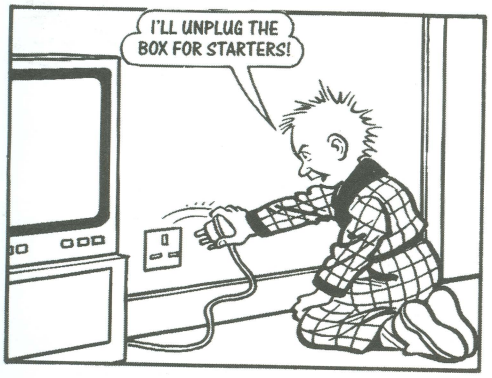
Is it safe tae leave the men — daein' it theirsel's at Number Ten?

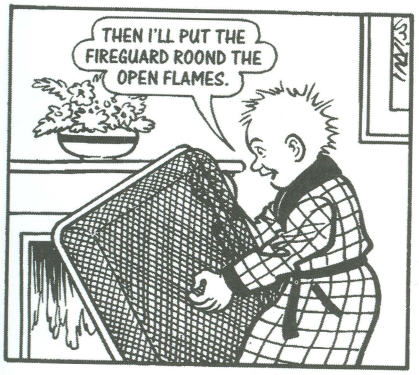
WE'RE AWA' TAE THE GUTHRIE HALL FOR A FIRE SAFETY TALK.
I HOPE THERE'S PLENTY O' HUNKY FIREMEN.
I DINNA NEED A LECTURE. I JIST USE MY COMMON SENSE!
LATER —
THERE'S AN AWFY DRAUGHT COMIN' FRAE SOMEWHAUR. I'LL FIND IT WI' THIS CANDLE.
I'LL START THE DECORATIN'!
I'LL PIT THE RADIO ON WHILE I DRY THE THISTLE'S FITBA' STRIPS!
JINGS! I'D FORGOTTEN ABOOT THE BIG MATCH THE DAY.
AYE! IT'S AN EARLY KICK-AFF!
AND OUR LIVE COMMENTARY COMES TODAY FROM THE SCOTTISH CUP TIE BETWEEN ROVERS AN' UNITED.
I'LL JUST TAK' A BREK FOR A COUPLE O' MEENITS TAE LISTEN TAE THE START O' THE MATCH.
WE'LL HELP YE!
AT THE HALL —
OVERLOADING ELECTRIC SOCKETS IS A COMMON CAUSE OF FIRES.
JINGS. HE COULD LIGHT MY FIRE ONY DAY!
KEEP FUEL AWAY FROM HEAT SOURCES. BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN COOKING!
TRIANGLE OF FIRE
HEAT
FUEL
OXYGEN
AFTER THE TALK —
IT'S AMAZIN' WHIT CAN CAUSE FIRES TAE START.
IMAGINE BEIN' CARRIED DOON A LADDER IN THE MIDDLE O' THE NICHT.
I CAN HARDLY WAIT. I'LL WEAR MY BEST NIGHTIE EVERY NIGHT.
GOODNESS. JUST LOOK AT A' THE HAZARDS! A CANDLE AT THE CURTAINS, WASHIN' OWER NEAR A HEATER! OVERLOADED SOCKETS!
AND COOKIN' LEFT UNATTENDED TAE. JUST LOOK AT THE MAN WI' A' THE COMMON SENSE!
GOAL! COME AWA' THE ROVERS!
. . . AN' PAW BROON GOES DAFT!
HOW DID THE MANNIE ON THE RADIO KEN THAT?

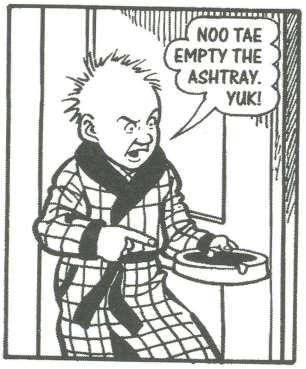
Take care around the house. Identify potential hazards and make them safe.
Keep flammables away from heat, never overload sockets or leave cooking unattended.

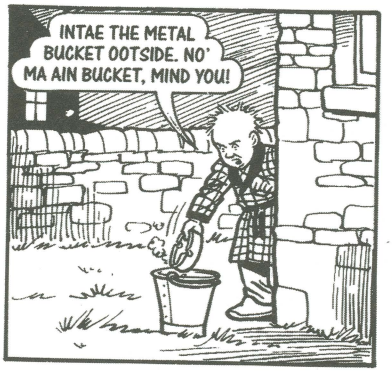
Wullie's no' sleepin' well at a' at night — — until he checks everything's a' right.

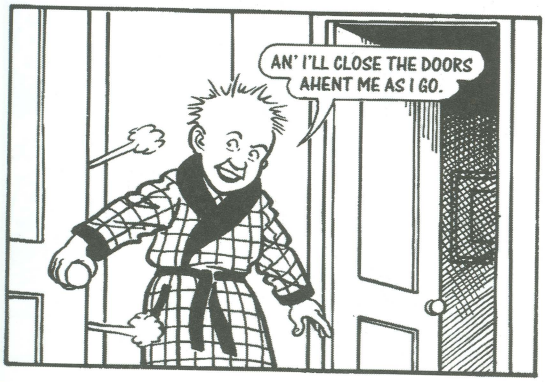












Make sure your home is safe, by carrying out a "bedtime routine" last thing at night.

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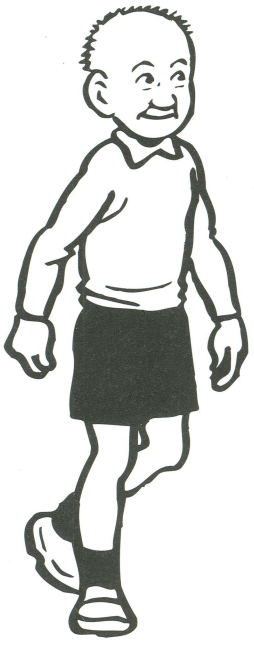
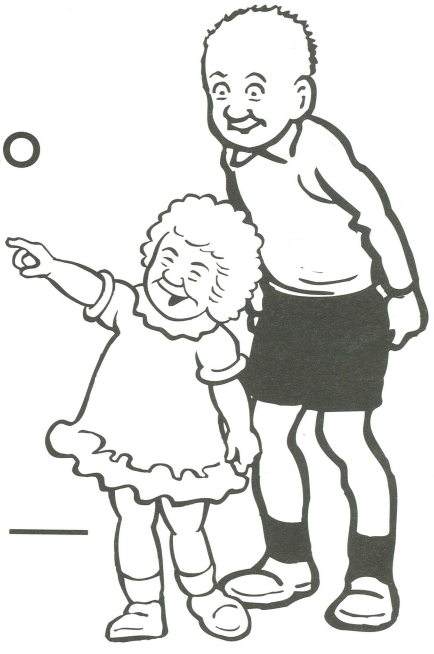


Smoke alarms should be tested every week

Never put water onto hot oil or fat

Make and practise a fire action plan

Don't make hoax calls — they cost lives!



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